

June 26, 1975
Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. Roger A. Cohen, Jr.
4720 Montgomery Lane
Bethesda, Md.

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Having recently become interested in early United States copper coins, I am trying to acquire some pre-1809 die varieties. Mr. Sam Ungar suggested that you may have some duplicates that you would sell. If so, I am interested in the following:

- 1804, C-4, Good or better
- 1804, C-7, Good or better
- 1805, C-2, About good or better
- 1805, C-3, Good or better
- 1808, C-2, Better than very fine

Sincerely,
R. K. Ivey

EAC # 502

7/16/75

Dear Mr. Sney,

I thank you for your note of 6/26/75
and I do not have any of the coins you
want. I am however trying to land a fair
sized collection and if I get any on your
list I'll let you know.

You might notice Bill Smiths ad in the
7/15/75 issue of Penny-Week ^{Page 197} - He has an 1804
C-7 for \$35 - I have found him to be
quite fair in his dealings. You might try
him.

Sincerely

Roger S. Cohen, Jr.

1/17/52

B.H. Hey
P.O. Box 10040
Norfolk V.A. 23513

Dear Sirs

Enclosed is the 1793 which you sent
I believe the Coin to be Genuine. It weighs 105 1/2
grains and exhibits none of the usual signs of an
electrotype. It's Not a cast despite the surface
problems. This Variety, #4 in my book is quite often
seen in the grade V6-8 with these type of surface
problems. I suppose the Commercial grade or ANS grade
would be F-12. I will not swear that it is a
Genuine 1793. I got a shadow of a doubt as the work
of counterfeiters Past & Present is Not always able to be
detected, However I would like to buy the Coin
as without price do you want for it?

I enclose a check for the 1807 which fits
into my collection of Messteker. Many Thanks.

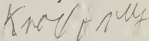
Samuel
Bagen

July 14, 1982
P. O. Box 10040
Norfolk, VA 23513

Dear Roger,

Please examine the enclosed 1793 half cent and give me your opinion as to its authenticity. I don't exactly know why but something about its appearance worries me. I find the 1807 to be a little interesting and it is being offered to you for \$37.50. Please register for \$1400.00 when you return the coin or coins.

Thanks,



R. K. Ivey ("Knox")

P. S. Hope the enclosed check covers postage.

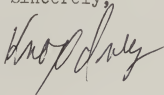
July 22, 1982
Norfolk, VA

Dear Roger,

Thanks for your help with the 1793 C-4 and for your offer to buy it. I am going to take a shot at you with a C-1 which you will find enclosed. I need \$1600 for the C-4 and \$2100 for the C-1, or take both for \$3600. Please take 60 days to pay if you like.

While I have your attention I need to ask you if '93's are frequently found on planchets that are slightly out-of-round and do the diameters vary? I have not been priveleged to examine a a large number of them but it seems to me that they come in various sizes and shapes. This was the main reason for my sending the C-4 for your opinion.

Sincerely,



162-562

1600 -
800 - 7/27/82 7/26/82
800 - 8/14/82
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Dear Knox,

Enclosed is the first illustration on the 1793 #1
© 1600 - Will pay balance in August.

Can't use the #1 as I have one in Hepler's Complete
EF40 to be exact. The specimen is a perfect, Normal
one. The weight is 102.5 grains.

1793's do vary in size and weight slightly. The
appearance of out of round has to do with two things
1 is when the planchet was manufactured it was then
lettered. The lettering machine was set for a standard diameter.
Thus the #1 plan return was a little under sized. The letter
is weak and depends on the pressure exerted by the (casting)
letter machine will seem to make it more out of round.

On the other hand the #4 plan keepers was a little over size
and has very deep letters which raised bumps which were
flattened in the striking process than the beaded edge.

The second thing that makes 1793 appear out of round is
the Beaded Circle which was cut in the die but was not
always centered on the planchet when struck. A very
good example of this is the plate of NY Variety 2 shown
in my 2nd edition. The coin looks out of round but it only
the placing of the circle on the planchet. On the other hand
my picture of #3 has a centered obverse but an off center
reverse. My first edition does not show this feature
as well. Back in those days 1971 I had seen many
less 1793's than I have now.

I hope I haven't bored you with
all this and missy thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely

W. W. 7, 1902
R. 1, 1902

Dear Roger,

Enclosed is a 1797 Federal note which
you may find interesting. I don't know
whether or not you will see the coin
before, but it is obviously it is
a spoiled large cent, and it is being
offered to you at \$1600. If you
decide to keep it please do not make
me wait longer than 60 days for my
money (60 days I can stand). If you
decide to return it I will send you a
check for your postage. I would appreciate
your returning it to me as soon

RK. IVEY
Box 10040
Norfolk VA.
23513

3/11/83

The Coin is interesting and Bon Gull has shown it to me. The Price is the only thing I can't agree on.

There is no "Error" on this Coin I am of the opinion that all Variety #3 1797 were struck on rolled and large cast planchets and so stated in my book on Pages 29, 31-35. The other words the type of imperfection shown on this Coin is "Normal" as the large bent undertype is not an "Error"

The Coin is an early strike from these dies. Note that there is no die flaw from the Chief nor does the reverse show any signs of the break as mentioned in the book. The Planchet here rolled out and heated in the process is the usual rough porous one. The obverse this is a Very Normal 1797 Variety #36. Its Condition is a little better than usually seen. I presently have a number of comparable specimens so I don't need it for my collection.

Many thanks for sending it to me. Sorry for the delay but this time of year I'm up to my eyeballs in work, April 15th isn't that far away.

Sincerely,

3-21-83

Dear Roger,

Thank you for your comments on the 1797-38. I am convinced that I should read your book a little more carefully.

Ron Guth was asking in excess of \$2000.00 for the coin if my memory is serving me right. I still believe that the coin should bring a small premium simply because an undertype is visible. Do you know how many lettered edge 97's are known with a visible undertype? I am trying to find a reasonable price for the coin and I would like for you to help. You mentioned in your letter that you did not agree to the \$1600.00 price that I asked, but you did not make a counter-offer.

Very truly yours

R. H. Day ("Knozy")

P.S. The check for your photo is enclosed.